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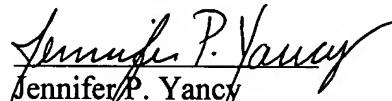
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir.

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that the references listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above referenced application. These references have been cited in the PCT International Search Report mailed on December 12, 2000. All of the documents are in English.

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